

REMARKS

A reconsideration of the present invention is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the disclosure was objected to due to the duplication of page 5, line 29 and page 6, line 1. Page 6, line 1 has been deleted. As a result, the Applicants submit that the disclosure is now in order.

The drawings were objected to in view of original claim 5 referring to the "strap attaching structure." Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice. As a result, the Applicants submit that the drawings are now in order.

Claims 1-4, 10-13, 19 and 20 have been rejected under §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,938,336 to King. Independent claim 1 has been amended to more particularly define the present invention and now recites structure not found or fairly suggested by the King patent. Specifically, claim 1 now recites a securing strap assembly positioned beneath the coupling panel. The securing strap assembly spans substantially between to first and second ends of the coupling panel. The strap assembly is provided to secure the chair accessory device to the chair. The King patent does not show or fairly suggest providing for such a strap assembly. The preamble of claim 1 has also been amended. The chair having a seat portion is shown in Figure 1 of the drawings. The Applicants submit that amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 10 has been amended to more particularly recite the position of the bag attachment structure on the inside panels of the first and second bags. The King patent does not show or fairly suggest providing for such structure on the inside of the first and second bags. In fact the King patent discloses a closure 70 positioned above its

coupling panel (main panel 12), and shows the first and second bags (sides compartments 30, 32) depending freely from the closure. The device as set forth in amended claim 10 of the present application provides for structure that securely, yet selectively, attaches the first and second bags together. The Applicants submit that amended claim 10 is now in condition for allowance.

In addition to original claims 5 and 6, original claims 11, 12, 13, 19 and 20 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 2-4, 7-9 depend from amended claim 1 and claims 14-18 depend from amended claim 10. As a result, Applicants submit that claims 2-4, 7-9 and 14-18 are now in condition for allowance.

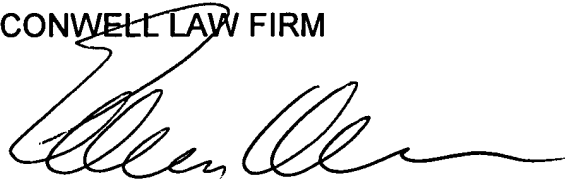
Claim 2 has been amended to include the bag attachment structure deleted from original claim 1 and to include the position of the attachment structure discussed in claim 10 above. Claim 3 has been amended to include the strap having opposed first and second ends and a clasp positioned at one of the ends. This structure permits the chair accessory device of the present invention to be placed on the seat of a chair and the strap to be positioned underneath the seat and secured using the clasp in order to secure the accessory device to the chair. Claim 14 has been amended to include the first and second shoulder straps deleted from original claim 10.

In view of this amendment and the remarks herein, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 7-10 and 14-18 as now presented are in condition for allowance, and request a corresponding Notice of Allowance. Should the Office have any questions concerning the foregoing amendment, the undersigned may be reached at (913) 262-0605.

Respectfully Submitted,

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